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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

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SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST

REFS: KABUL 3326 B. STATE 110065

1. EMBASSY DECIDED TO REMOVE COL DIN MOHAMMAD FROM AIR ATTACHE'S HOME.

2. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT AIR ATTACHE'S HOME WAS POSSIBLY BEING WATCHED, WE DECIDED TO REMOVE DIN MOHAMMAD BY CAR FROM COL PIPER'S RESIDENCE AND LEAVE HIM IN SHAR-E-NAU AREA. APPROXIMATELY 0845, AIR ATTACHE PIPER AND FSO THOMPSON (TRANSLATER) WENT TO PIPER'S HOME. WE EXPLAINED TO DIN MOHAMMAD THAT EMBASSY HAD NO WAY TO REMOVE HIM FROM AFGHANISTAN, THAT WE WERE CONCERNED THAT POLICE ALREADY KNEW OF HIS WHEREABOUTS AND THAT IN OUR OPINION HE SHOULD LEAVE PIPER'S HOUSE IMMEDIATELY. (OUR VIEW WAS THAT TRAVEL IS MUCH LESS CONTROLLED DURING MORNING THAN IN LATE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING.) WE EXPLAINED TO DIN MOHAMMAD THAT THERE IS NO WAY HE COULD BE BROUGHT TO EMBASSY WITHOUT LOCAL EMPLOYEES KNOWING OF HIS PRESENCE AND THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE AWARE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THAT HE WAS AT EMBASSY. AT ABOUT 0930, COL PIPER WITH DIN MOHAMMAD LEFT HOME ON A PREVIOUSLY SCOUTED ROUTE. UNFORTUNATELY, COL PIPER SAW HIS SERVANT ALONG THE ROUTE AND, CONSEQUENTLY, DIN MOHAMMAD

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REQUESTED TO LEAVE CAR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE WAS DROPPED OFF A BACK STREET OF SHAR-E-NAU. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF POLICE IN IMMEDIATE AREA.

3. COL DIN MOHAMMAD TOLD US THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY TRY TO STAY IN KABUL WITH FRIENDS FOR TIME BEING AND THAT AFTER 20 OR 30 DAYS WOULD ATTEMPT TO TRAVEL TO HIS HOME IN NURISTAN AND

FROM THERE CROSS THE BORDER BY A BACK ROUTE. DIN MOHAMMAD,
SHOULD HE MAKE IT TO PAKISTAN, MIGHT CONTACT AMCONSUL PESHAWAR
OR AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD, POSSIBLY SEEKING ADMITTANCE TO THE US
AS A REFUGEE.

4. EMBASSY MADE AVAILABLE TO DIN MOHAMMAD 10,000 AFGHANIS
AND SEVERAL ITEMS OF CLOTHING. DIN MOHAMMAD WAS COOL AND CALM
AND SEEMED CAPABLE OF PRUDENT ACTION.
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